IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of Masayuki CHATANI

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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR ENABLING CUSTOMER ELECTION OF AUXILIARY CONTENT PROVIDED ON A DETACHABLE LOCAL STORAGE MEDIA DURING ACCESS OF PRIMARY CONTENT OVER A NETWORK AND FOR COLLECTING DATA CONCERNING VIEWED AUXILIARY CONTENT

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the first examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claims 1-19 are add new claims 20-44 as set forth in the attached replacement pages.

REMARKS

The newly submitted claims include certain minor revisions to original claims 1-19 for clarity and consistency with the specification, whereas new claims 20-44 are directed to further features of the invention which are disclosed within the original specification and for which the applicants of the present

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